


Memorandum

To: Chair and Commissioners

Date: September 17, 2008


From: JOHN F. BARNA, JR.
Executive Director

File No: 1.3
Action

Ref: **Executive Director's Report: New Bond Accountability Program and 2008 Annual Report Outline**

Recommendation: I recommend approval of the new bond accountability program to establish a joint CTC-Caltrans Bond Accountability effort and engage a program management consulting firm. In addition, I recommend approval of the attached annual report outline.

Issue—Bond Accountability: Under current statute (SB 88 in 2007), the Commission is responsible for reporting on the status of projects the Commission programs as part of the implementation of Proposition 1B. For the past year, Commission staff, Caltrans and regional agencies have struggled to generate quarterly reports that accurately reflect the status of project delivery and provide accurate comparative data to the approved baseline agreements. This situation pleases no one.

As a result, Director Kempton and I propose the following:

- Establish a joint CTC-Caltrans Bond Accountability effort in which our staffs would be integrated to monitor and deliver the accountability information required by statute, as well as work with project sponsors on corrective action plans and amendments to the project baseline agreements. Andre Boutros, CTC chief delivery officer, will lead this effort. Further details are to be developed. The Director and I believe that streamlining the accountability effort will reduce delays and enhance coordination and communication with project sponsors and stakeholders.
- Engage the services of a program management consultant to develop the appropriate reporting and data tracking controls required and monitor the progress of the projects. Several regional agencies employ such consultants in the monitoring and oversight of their sales tax measures. The Director and I believe that a program management consultant can enhance efficiency and leverage our mutual resources, while minimizing the amount of effort that project sponsors need to provide the accountability information.

With your consent, I will work with Director Kempton on funding and organizing the new accountability effort. Our intent is to have the new effort underway at the beginning of 2009.

Issue—2008 Annual Report: I recommend approval of the attached content outline for the 2008 CTC Annual Report to the Legislature. We will incorporate feedback we receive from you at the meeting and by email through the end of the month.

Attachment

2008 Annual Report Outline

Chair Letter

Overview of 2008 and Issues for 2009

- ❖ Two Years Later: An Overview of Proposition 1B Programs and Accountability
- ❖ Challenges of FY 2008-09 and FY 2009-10 Budget on State Transportation Improvement Program and Public Transportation Account
- ❖ Challenges of Funding for Traffic Congestion Relief Program Projects: A Workout Strategy
- ❖ Transportation and Climate Action: Implementation of Assembly Bill 32 and Assembly Bill 375
- ❖ Federal Reauthorization: Gearing Up for a Long Campaign
- ❖ Public-Private-Partnerships and Tolling: Going Beyond AB 1467
- ❖ Passenger Rail in California: High-Speed Rail and Intercity Rail
- ❖ Transit: Suggestions for the Future
- ❖ Fixing the System We Have: The Case for Rehabilitation

2008 Activity and Accomplishments

- ❖ State Transportation Improvement Program
- ❖ Proposition 1B Programs
 - Corridor Mobility Improvement Account
 - State Route 99
 - Trade Corridors Improvement Fund
 - Traffic Light Synchronization Program
 - Highway-Railroad Crossing Safety Account
 - Local Seismic Bridge Retrofit Account
- ❖ AB 1467 HOT Lanes
- ❖ Traffic Congestion Relief Program
- ❖ 2008 Report on County and Interregional Share Balances
- ❖ 2007-08 Project Delivery
- ❖ Aeronautics Program
- ❖ Real Estate Advisory Panel
- ❖ Environment Enhancement and Mitigation Program
- ❖ Proposition 116 Program
- ❖ Seismic Safety Retrofit Program
- ❖ Elderly and Disabled Transit Program
- ❖ State Rail Program